Test Two Study Guide  
  
Be able to answer questions about the following  
  
Political action committees  
Campaign finance regulations  
Texas’s Latino and African American populations  
​La Raza Unida Party   
The principal political activity of most Texans  
Literacy tests   
The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments.   
Cracking and packing.   
Shelby v. Holder  
voter turnout in Texas  
The key factors that affect voter turnout   
Photo ID   
Voting precincts   
General elections  
Direct primaries  
The cost of primary elections in Texas  
Plurality rules  
Majority rules  
Midterm elections  
Special elections  
Media objectivity  
Cable news   
The roles the media ​fills in U.S. and Texas politics  
Attack journalism  
Investigative journalism   
Agenda setting in Texas  
Media​ framing   
Media ​priming  
Civic engagement   
Newspaper endorsements  
Prior restraint  
The concentration of ​media ownership  
The principal purpose of political party activity  
The decentralized structure of Texas politics and

Labor organizations in Texas  
Professional groups in Texas  
Texas Public Employees Association   
Social interest groups  
The Christian Coalition |  
Interest group techniques  
The functions of interest groups  
Lobbyists  
Grassroots activism  
Contributing money to political candidates  
Campaign finance laws  
Ethics   
The Texas Ethics Commission  
The functions of the Texas legislature   
The number of senators and representatives in the Texas legislature  
Bicameralism  
Legislative redistricting  
Special sessions of the Texas legislature  
Reynolds v. Sims  
Characteristics of members of the Texas legislature  
Partisanship  
Economic benefits  
The president of the Senate.   
The lieutenant governor   
The Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives  
Filibusters  
Chubbing  
House-Senate conference committee  
Bill making in the Texas legislature  
Vetoes  
Terms lengths and term limits  
Appointments  
The plural executive   
Job descriptions of members of the Texas executive  
County officials  
The governor’s most significant constitutional budget power  
The governor’s legislative powers  
The main judicial power of the governor of Texas